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# Preface

**Pathology** is the study of diseases to provide a definitive diagnosis on which management of the patient is based. With the growth of this field in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, specialized publications became necessary. Notable pathologists with pioneer works include: James Ewing (Neoplastic Diseases, 1919), William Boyd (Pathology for Surgeons, 1925), Lauren Ackerman (Surgical Pathology, 1953), Ruy Perez-Tamayo (Mechanisms of Disease, 1961), and J Walter and M Israel (General pathology, 1965). Publications on special pathology are innumerable, but standard references are those of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), Washington DC and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The present book is a comprehensive review of all pathologic lesions and diseases of surgical importance. It includes 3 chapters on basic knowledge, 8 on non-neoplastic diseases and 8 on neoplastic tumors. The book is a synopsis because it includes all recent advances in a compact readable size. It is also an atlas in view of rich illustrative material (135 figures, and 442 colored pictures in the enclosed CD). Special features of the book include: the contribution of 20 authors, clinical application of basic science, outline of recent biotechnologies, adoption of international classifications including the updated 2017 TNM Staging system for cancer. In addition, the book includes 142 key references and websites for

further readings, medical abbreviations, normal laboratory values and MCQs for self-assessment.

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We hope that the present publication may serve as a useful guide to postgraduate students, as well as, practicing surgeons and pathologists. This will ultimately be reflected on better care of patients, for whom this work is dedicated. We should never forget that a patient is a fellow creature in pain, not merely a vessel of disease.

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